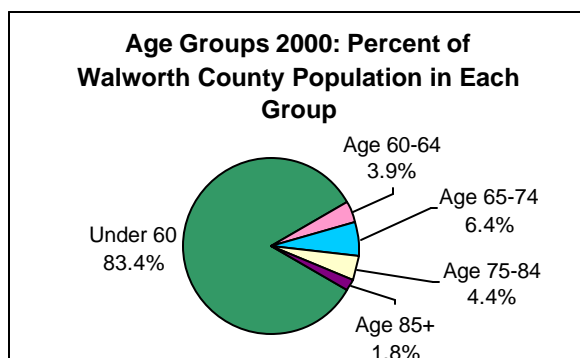# Walworth County's Older Population
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Walworth County is similar to that of the state as a whole (12.7% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been faster in this county than in the state as a whole (11.8% versus 7.9%). In all, 11,934 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 1,724 of these are age 85 or older. Walworth County's average (or median) age is 35.1 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Walworth County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	93,759		75,000		18,759	25.0%
Persons 60 and over	15,588	16.6%	13,925	18.6%	1,663	11.9%
Persons 65 and over	11,934	12.7%	10,673	14.2%	1,261	11.8%
Persons 85 and over	1,724	1.8%	1,322	1.8%	402	30.4%

Age Groups 2000: Percent of Walworth County Population in Each Group

- Age 60-64: 3.9%
- Age 65-74: 6.4%
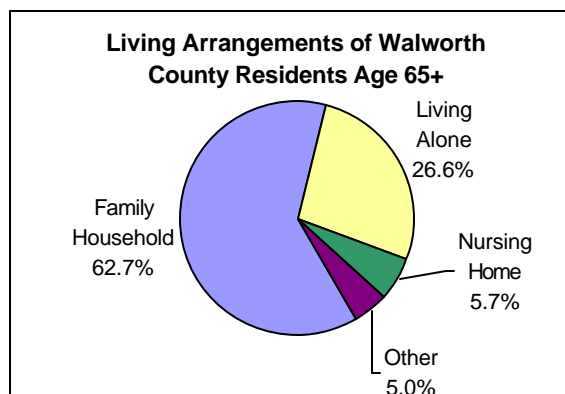- Age 75-84: 4.4%
- Age 85+: 1.8%
- Under 60: 83.4%

Race:

A large majority (98.7%) of Walworth County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Walworth County African Americans have a median age of 22.2 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 22.5 years. Whites, in contrast, average 35.9 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 34,522 households in Walworth County, 7,963 include at least one person age 65 or older (23.1% of all households). A total of 7,314 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 78.1% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (62.7%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 26.6% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 4.5% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 682 people age 65 and older live in Walworth County nursing homes (5.7% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Walworth County Residents Age 65+

- Living Alone: 26.6%
- Nursing Home: 5.7%
- Other: 5.0%
- Family Household: 62.7%